

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

ERIN McPEAK,

Plaintiff,

v.

COREY BUTCHER, in his individual
capacity and in his official capacity, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:21-cv-05821-TL

MINUTE ORDER

The following Minute Order is made at the direction of the Court, the Honorable Tana
Lin, United States District Judge:

(1) On August 26, 2022, counsel for Plaintiff Erin McPeak filed a motion to withdraw as
attorney of record. Dkt. No. 33.

(2) On August 29, 2022, Plaintiff McPeak filed a response opposing the motion to
withdraw (Response) and pointed out the motion had not been properly noted. Dkt.

1 No. 34 at 2. The Court re-noted the motion to withdraw to September 16, 2022, as
2 provided in Local Civil Rule 7. *See* LCR 7(d)(3).

3 (3) In the Response, Plaintiff McPeak requested that her deposition in this case (currently
4 scheduled for September 9, 2022) be postponed if the motion to withdraw is granted.
5 Dkt. No. 34 at 3–4. The Court construes Plaintiff McPeak’s request as a motion for a
6 protective order to avert the prejudice and undue burden of having to defend a
7 deposition without aid from counsel. *See Erickson v. Pardus*, 551 U.S. 89, 94
8 (holding filings by unrepresented parties to “less stringent standards” than those
9 drafted by lawyers).

10 (4) Given the timing and circumstances surrounding the motion to withdraw, the Court
11 ORDERS that the currently-scheduled deposition shall be POSTPONED, pending the
12 resolution of the motion. The parties are DIRECTED to meet and confer to choose a
13 new date for Plaintiff McPeak’s deposition **within two weeks** of the Court’s ruling on
14 the motion to withdraw.

15 Dated this 29th day of August 2022.

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17 Ravi Subramanian
Clerk of the Court

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19 s/ Kadya Peter
Deputy Clerk